

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
OCTOBER 28, 2013**

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Wayne Daniels, Kris Kirwan and Cathy MacArthur.

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: David Cleveland called the October 28, 2013 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Wayne Daniels made the motion to approve the September 23, 2013 Regular Session minutes as presented. Cathy MacArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Delete – 10a. Shredding Event and Add 11e. Shrub and Tree Replacement.

Council Actions: David Cleveland shared that Council approved the following:

1. Christmas Decorations - \$10,572 – Seasonal Decorations line item.
2. Mulch - \$4,500 – Landscape contract.
3. Fall Flowers - \$1,200 – Landscape contract.
4. Sidewalk repairs - \$1,900 – Park Maintenance – Sidewalk additions & repairs line item.
5. Common Heart 5k run in February 2014.

Budget Report: David Cleveland discussed the Budget Report. We have committed funds in the following areas: Pool Operations – repairs and misc - \$2,425; Seasonal Decorations - \$9,072; Landscaping – mulch and fall flowers – \$5,750; Park Maintenance – Bermuda sod - \$3,000; Park Maintenance – Tree Removal & Stump Grinding - \$400; Park Maintenance – Miscellaneous - \$750 – Landscaping timbers; and Pond Maintenance – Chemical Treatment - \$1,488.

Ponds: David Cleveland discussed the updated Russell Pond Dredging schedule. Hopefully the week before the November Parks and Rec meeting, the commission will have the specs to review on the dredging project.

Vandalism: Currently the matte sealant the Village used on the pier at Lake Charles is not available. We will be checking periodically on the availability. Picnic tables have been vandalized in Russell Park. Mike Wienecke removed the graffiti and over the weekend, one of the tables was vandalized again.

Pool: The Pool Report for 2013 has been completed. We brought in \$48,234 in membership revenue and \$9,581 in daily swim fees. With the increase in maintenance costs this year, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$51,618.

Events: The Shredding day will be discussed in January. The Chili Cook-off is Saturday, November 2 at 6 p.m. The Christmas tree lighting is December 8th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cathy MacArthur will be working on the National Night Out starting in January. Common Heart was approved for an event in February 2014. Due to the work in Russell Park, recommended dates for the run are February 15th or 22nd.

Landscaping: The Bermuda Sod has been installed. The areas that were selected included places where trees and stumps had been removed. Bill Smith, Union County Forrester will be assisting the VOLP with the tree prunings. The trees and street light conflicts will be addressed first. John Barnes will be helping us to identify the trees. Lucas Landscaping has expressed an interest in doing the pruning and we will solicit two additional bids. Cardinal Construction will be doing sidewalk repairs on Wednesday.

Cathy MacArthur discussed the Monarch Butterfly Habitat and the placement of a habitat in the VOLP. There are two potential sites for the habitat – Alden Pond or Normandy Pond. Concerns were expressed about long-term maintenance of the habitat, the impact of the geese on the garden and pesticides. Cathy MacArthur plans to do additional plant research prior to the November P&R meeting.

David Cleveland stated that he has been working with Lucas Landscaping to identify tree and shrub replacements. The number of trees and shrubs has not been completed to date. Wayne Daniels made a motion to request Council approval for \$2500 to be used for shrub and tree replacement. Kris Kirwan seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Adjourn: Wayne Daniels made the motion to adjourn. Cathy MacArthur seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri S. Clark
Clerk